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In re application of: **Joseph Bartle**

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Title: **Cinchpac Self-Loading Rotary Shaft Seal**

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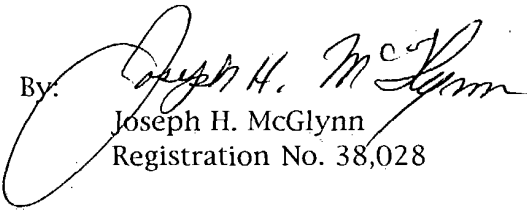
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	4,342,461	8/3/82	Lindsay			
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<u>FOREIGN REFERENCES</u>						
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